

REMARKS

The Official Action provided that “[u]pon further consideration, the species restriction is required because the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: species 1 (without a U-shaped header); species II (with a U-shaped header).”

Responsive to this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species I, upon which Claims 18-23 and 35-41 read.

Applicant also owns U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/019,143, filed December 21, 2004, which is a continuation-in-part application of the subject application (the “CIP application”). **Status:** A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on February 26, 2009. An Amendment was filed on March 5, 2009.

Applicant is also herewith submitting a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner. The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 11-1110 for any fees associated with this Information Disclosure Statement and/or Amendment.

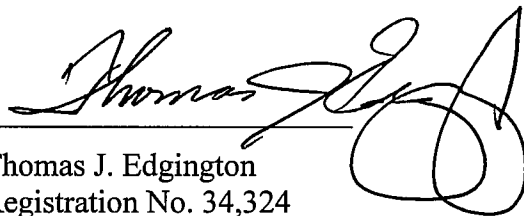
Applicant also petitions for a one month extension of time. The fees associated therewith may be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-1110. If additional time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

Application No. 10/823,449
Amendment dated June 3, 2009
Reply to office action of April 14, 2009

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims presented in the present application are in condition for allowance. Applicant's present Amendment should not in any way be taken as acquiescence to any of the specific assertions, statements, etc., presented in the Office Action not explicitly addressed herein. Applicant reserves the right to specifically address all such assertions and statements in subsequent responses. Applicant also reserves the right to seek claims of a broader or different scope in a continuation application.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to properly respond to the Office Action and believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any remaining concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below so that such concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Edgington", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature is a large, stylized circular mark or flourish.

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